

UNESCO INITIATIVE ON HERITAGE OF RELIGIOUS INTEREST

Thematic Expert Consultation meeting on sustainable management of World Heritage properties of religious interest with focus on South-Eastern and Mediterranean Europe

**UNESCO, Paris, Room IX
16 to 18 February 2016**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME¹

15/02/16	Arrival of participants in Paris	
	16 February 2016 UNESCO Headquarters	
16/02/16 Morning	Registration	09.00 – 09.45
16/02/16 Morning	<p><i>UNESCO Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest</i></p> <p>Opening words by Dr Mechtild Rossler, Director of Heritage Division and Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre</p> <p>Opening words by H. E. Mr Anguel Tcholakov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Bulgaria to France</p> <p>Plenary Session 1 : Cycle of Regional Thematic Consultations towards development of general guidance regarding the management of cultural and natural heritage of religious interest</p> <p>Introduction by Moderator Ms Anna Sidorenko, Coordinator, Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest, UNESCO World Heritage Centre</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>Introduction of the Draft Recommendations on the development of general guidance regarding the management of cultural and natural heritage of religious interest</i> Mr Christopher Young, International expert</p> <p><i>Data Analysis Project PRI-SM</i> Mr Ole S�e Eriksen, International expert</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00 – 10.10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10.10 – 10.20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10.20 – 10.35</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10.35 – 10.50</p>

¹ The present programme is only tentative and may change before the meeting. A definitive version, including discussion questions, will be distributed before the start of the meeting.

	Case-Study approach Ms Daniela Arroyo, Archaeologist, Cambridge University	10.50 – 11.00
	Coffee break	11.00 – 11.15
16/02/16 morning	Plenary Session 2 International collaboration towards protection of Heritage of Religious Interest Introduction by Moderator Mr Mounir Bouchenaki, Director of the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage, Category 2 Centres under the auspices of UNESCO Speakers: <i>Réflexions sur la gestion des biens du patrimoine mondial d'intérêt religieux</i> Mr Doudou Diène, Expert du Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux Droits de l'Homme sur la Prévention de l'Incitation à la haine religieuse, nationale et raciale, Président du Conseil de la Coalition Internationale des Sites de conscience, Vice-Président du Conseil Scientifique de l'Institut International de recherche Politique de Civilisation d'Edgar Morin. <i>Results of UNWTO activities on Tourism and Heritage of Religious Interest</i> Mr Jin Yung Woo, Advisor of Tourism and Culture, United Nations World Tourism Organisation <i>Results of the International Seminar for religious representatives involved in the management and use of the World Heritage properties / The management of World Heritage properties by the religious organizations in Russia</i> Mr Vladimir Tsvetnov, Director of the Department for State Protection of the Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation <i>Experience of cooperation between religious organizations and UNESCO</i> Metropolitan Theophanes Ashurkov, Manager of Kazan diocese, Leader of Tatarstan archdiocese, Kazan diocese Administration of Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchy) <i>Action plan for the World Heritage property “Ouadi Qadisha (the Holy Valley) and the Forest of the Cedars of God (Horsh Arz el-Rab)”</i> Mr Joseph Kreidi, Programme Officer for Culture, Focal Point for Recovery & Reconstruction, UNESCO Regional Office – Beirut, Lebanon Debate and Wrap-up of the Plenary Sessions by Moderators	11.15 - 13.00 11.15 - 11.30 11.30 – 11.45 11.45 – 12.00 12.00 – 12.15 12.15 – 12.30 12.30 – 12.45 12.45 – 13.00
	Lunch	13.00 - 15.00

<p>16/02/16 Afternoon</p>	<p>Working session 1: Understanding World Heritage of religious interest</p> <p>Introduction by Moderator Mr Christopher Young, International expert</p> <p>Keynote Speech <i>Characterising Heritage of Religious Interests within the World Heritage Context</i> Mr Gamini Wijesuriya, ICCROM representative</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>BULGARIA <i>Bulgarian World Heritage properties of religious interest</i> Mrs Georgeta Nazarska, Professor Cultural Heritage State University of Library Studies and IT, Sofia</p> <p>BULGARIA <i>Rila Monastery architecture (tentative title)</i> Mrs.Stela Duleva, Architect, President of "AB ORTHODOX" LTD</p> <p><i>Le Plan d'Investissement Municipal 2015-2020 pour le Patrimoine Cultuel appartenant à la Ville de Paris</i> Ms Laurence Fouquerey, Chef du département des édifices culturels et historiques, Direction des Affaires Culturelles, Mairie de Paris, France</p>	<p>15.00 – 18.00</p> <p>15.00 – 15.10</p> <p>15.10 – 15.30</p> <p>15.30 – 15.45</p> <p>15.45 – 16.00</p> <p>16.00 – 16.15</p>
	<p>Coffee break</p>	<p>16.15 – 16.30</p>
<p>16/02/16 Afternoon</p>	<p>SPAIN <i>Cultural, tourist and religious uses of the Cathedral: towards self-financing since 1992</i> Mrs. Margarita Lopez Diaz, Responsible for cultural activities and protocol at the Cathedral of Seville</p> <p><i>San Millan de Suso and Yuso: place of religious, cultural and tourist cohabitation</i> Mrs Mariola Andonegui, Coordinator of Emilianensis Fundación San Millán de la Cogolla</p> <p>TURKEY <i>Foreign Cultural Heritage Conservation Activities for the DG</i> Mr Davut Gazi Benli, Head of Foreign Affairs Department, Prime Ministry Directorate General for Foundations.</p> <p><i>Overview for waqf administration for religious monuments in Turkey</i> Dr Adnan Ertem, General Director of Foundations (Awaqf) Prime Ministry Directorate General for Foundations</p> <p>Debate and Wrap-up of the Working Session 1 by Moderator</p>	<p>16.30 – 16.45</p> <p>16.45 – 17.00</p> <p>17.00 – 17.15</p> <p>17.15 – 17.30</p> <p>17.30 – 18.00</p>

	17th February, 2016 UNESCO Headquarters	
17/02/16 Morning	<p>Working session 2: Linking Outstanding Universal Value and associated sacred value</p> <p>Introduction by Moderator Mr Josep-Maria Mallarach, IUCN representative</p> <p>Keynote Speech <i>Intrinsic, associated, universal? Expressions of religion and ritual in World Heritage Properties</i> Prof Britta Rudolff, ICOMOS representative</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>Lieux saints partagés en Méditerranée</i> Dr Dionigi Albera, Senior researcher, CNRS, Aix-Marseille University, France</p> <p><i>Accommodating the interpretations between the real and virtual</i> Dr Michael Turner, Professor, UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem, Founding member of ICOMOS ISC – PRERICO</p> <p><i>European Culture Expressed in Sacred Landscapes (ECLSAND) Project</i> Prof Gloria Pungetti, Professor at University of Cambridge UK and IUAV University of Venice IT</p> <p><i>Initiative of the Sovereign Order of Malta on the free and safe access to sacred places</i> Mr Maurizio Iaccarino, Deputy Permanent Observer of the Sovereign Order of Malta to UNESCO</p>	<p>09.30 – 13.00</p> <p>09.30 – 09.40</p> <p>09.40 – 10.00</p> <p>10.00 – 10.15</p> <p>10.15 – 10.30</p> <p>10.30 – 10.45</p> <p>10.45 – 11.00</p>
	Coffee break	11.00 - 11.15
	<p>Working session 2: Linking Outstanding Universal Value and associated sacred value (continued)</p> <p>National Case-Studies</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>ALBANIA <i>Religious Heritage in World Heritage Sites in Albania, Historic Centres of Gjirokastra and Berat</i> Mrs Arta Dollani, General Director, Institute of Cultural Monuments & Mrs Marsela Demaj, Urban Planner, Institute of Cultural Monuments</p>	11.15 – 11.30

	<p>ITALY</p> <p>Case-studies: “Historic Centre of Rome, the Properties of the Holy See in that City Enjoying Extraterritorial Rights and San Paolo Fuori le Mura” (Transboundary Italy/Holy See World Heritage property), and “Assisi, the Basilica of San Francesco and Other Franciscan Sites”</p> <p>Mrs Adele Cesi, Focal Point for World Heritage Convention, Architect Director Coordinator at the Ministry of cultural heritage and activities and tourism</p> <p>Case-studies in Italy: Sacri Monti of Piedmont and Lombardy</p> <p>Mrs. Francesca Riccio, Architect Director Coordinator at the Ministry of cultural heritage and activities and tourism</p> <p>TURKEY</p> <p>Case Studies: World Heritage Properties of Past Religious Significance in Turkey</p> <p>Ms Zeynep Aktüre, Assistant Professor, Member of Tangible Cultural Heritage Committee, Turkish National Commission for UNESCO</p> <p>Case Study: Conservation and Waqf Administration for Divrigi Ulu Camii and Daruşşifası (Divrigi Mosque and Hospital)</p> <p>Ms Esin Serttaş Yaren, Restoration Architect, Foreign Affairs Department, Prime Ministry Directorate General for Foundations</p> <p>Debate and Wrap-up of the Working Session 2 by Moderator</p>	<p>11.30 – 11.45</p> <p>11.45 – 12.00</p> <p>12.00 – 12.15</p> <p>12.15 – 12.30</p> <p>12.30 – 13.00</p>
	Lunch	13.00 – 14.30
17/02/16 Afternoon	<p>Working Session 3: Challenges in the governance, management and use of World Heritage properties of religious interest</p> <p>Introduction by Moderator</p> <p>Dr Michael Turner, Professor, UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem, Founding member of ICOMOS ISC – PRERICO</p> <p>Keynote Speech</p> <p>Properties of Religious Interest – Sustainable Management (PRI-SM): Identification of the main challenges in the governance, management, use and access with focus on the South-Eastern and Mediterranean Europe</p> <p>Mr Christopher Young, International expert</p>	<p>14.30 – 18.30</p> <p>14.30 – 14.40</p> <p>14.40 – 15.00</p>

	<p>Speakers :</p> <p><i>Présentation d'une analyse comparative des mécanismes juridiques définissant/encadrant le rôle des communautés religieuses dans la protection du patrimoine</i> Anne Fornerod, Researcher at CNRS, University of Strasbourg</p> <p><i>Sacred Natural World Heritage properties in the South-Eastern and Mediterranean Europe: governance, management, use and access</i> Mr Josep-Maria Mallarach, IUCN representative</p> <p><i>Adapting religious World Heritage properties to 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda: Prospective Research</i> Dr Yonca Erkan, UNESCO Chair Holder at Khadir Has University in Istanbul, Member of ICOMOS ISC – PRERICO</p> <p>Questions</p>	<p>15.00 – 15.15</p> <p>15.15 – 15.30</p> <p>15.30 – 15.45</p> <p>15.45 – 16.00</p>
	Coffee break	16.00 – 16.30
17/02/16 Afternoon	<p>Working Session 3: Challenges in the governance, management and use of World Heritage properties of religious interest (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>National Case-Studies</p> <p>Speakers :</p> <p>BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA <i>World Heritage properties in Bosnia and Herzegovina - Restoration of heritage - renewal of life</i> Ms Milijana Okilj, Head of Department for Cultural-Historical Heritage, Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural-Historical and Natural Heritage of Republika Srpska</p> <p>CROATIA <i>Sustainable management of the sacral heritage in Split and Trogir in Croatia, based on the example of their cathedrals</i> Mr Radoslav Buzancic, Head of the Conservation Department in Split</p> <p>CYPRUS <i>The case of the Painted Churches in the Troodos region: management and challenges of a "living" monument</i> Dr Marina Solomidou-Ieronymidou, Director of the Department of Antiquities, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works</p> <p>GREECE <i>Management of religious World Heritage Monuments in Greece: challenges and perspectives</i> Dr Eugenia Gerousi, Head of the Directorate of Byzantine and Post-byzantine Antiquities at the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports</p>	<p>16.30 – 16.45</p> <p>16.45 – 17.00</p> <p>17.00 – 17.15</p> <p>17.15 – 17.30</p>

	<p><i>Integrated management of spiritual, cultural and natural heritage: the case of Mt Athos</i> Mr Thymio Papayannis, Integrated management coordinator, Holy Community of Mount Athos</p> <p>MALTA <i>Managing St John's Co-Cathedral as a World Heritage Site</i> Ms Cynthia de Giorgio, Curator of St John's Co-Cathedral</p> <p>Debate and Wrap-up of the Working Session 3 by Moderator</p>	<p>17.30 – 17.45</p> <p>17.45 – 18.00</p> <p>18.00 – 18.30</p>
	Drafting group meeting	19.00 – 20.00
	<p>18th February 2016 UNESCO Headquarters</p>	
18/02/16 Morning	Plenary Session 3: Draft Recommendations	10.00 – 12.00
	<p>Introduction by General Rapporteur Mr Christopher Young, International expert</p>	10.00 – 10.15
	<p>Presentations of the Working sessions conclusions and recommendations by the moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Session 1: Mr Christopher Young, International expert • Working Session 2: Mr Josep-Maria Mallarach, IUCN representative • Working Session 3: Dr Michael Turner, Professor, UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem, Founding member of ICOMOS ISC – PRERICO 	10.15 – 11.00
	Debate on draft Recommendations	11.00 – 11.45
	Wrap-up by General Rapporteur	11.45 – 12.00
	Drafting group meeting	12.00 – 14.00
	Coffee and Lunch boxes	12.00 – 14.00
	Closing Session	14.00 – 15.00
	<p><i>Presentation by General Rapporteur of the final text of recommendations for adoption</i> Mr Christopher Young, International expert</p>	14.00 – 14.15
	Final remarks by participants and adoption of recommendation	14.15 – 14.45
	<p>Closing remarks Mr Francesco Bandarin, Assistant Director General for Culture, UNESCO</p>	14.45 – 15.00

